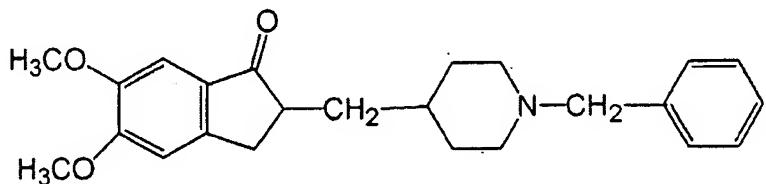


**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

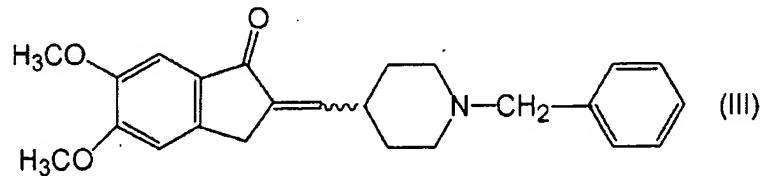
1. (Currently amended) A process of preparing a compound [1-benzyl-4-[(5,6-dimethoxy-1-indanon)-2-yl]methylpiperidine] of the structural formula (II):

{Formula 2}



~~characterized by~~ comprising catalytically hydrogenating a compound [1-benzyl-4-[(5,6-dimethoxy-1-indanon)-2-ylidene]methylpiperidine] of the structural formula (III):

{Formula 1}



in the presence of a Raney nickel catalyst in a reaction solvent of toluene, in which appropriate quantities of soluble solvent is added, or tetrahydrofuran, wherein the solvent is 7 to 10 times of the volume of the compound of the structural formula (III).

**2-6. (Canceled)**

7. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 1, wherein the catalytic hydrogenation is carried out at a hydrogen pressure of 0.05 to 7.0 MPa.

8. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 1, wherein the catalytic hydrogenation is carried out at a hydrogen pressure of 0.1 to 1.5 MPa.

9. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 1, wherein the catalytic hydrogenation is carried out at a hydrogen pressure of 0.5 to 1.5 MPa.

10. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 1, wherein a weight ratio of the Raney nickel catalyst to the compound of the structural formula (III) is 3 to 30%.

11. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 1, wherein a weight ratio of the Raney nickel catalyst to the compound of the structural formula (III) is 5 to 15%.

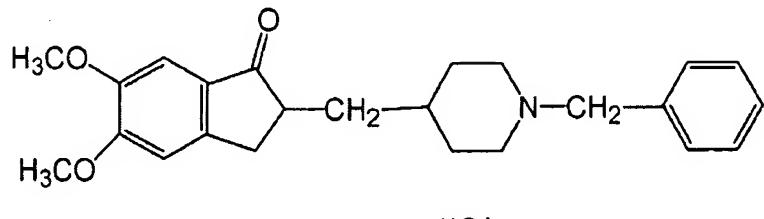
12. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 1, characterized in that the catalytic hydrogenation is carried out at a reaction temperature of 4 to 60°C.

13. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 1, characterized in that the catalytic hydrogenation is carried out at a reaction temperature of about 4 to 40°C.

14. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 1, characterized in that the catalytic hydrogenation is carried out at a reaction temperature of 10 to 25°C.

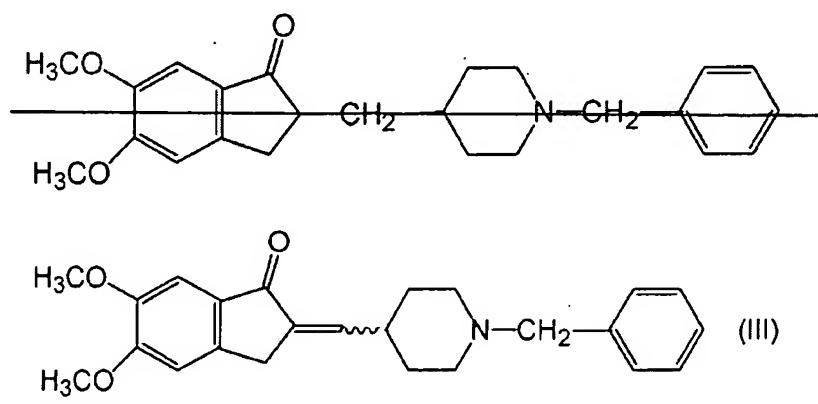
15. (Currently amended) A process for preparing a compound [1-benzyl-4-[(5,6-dimethoxy-1-indanon)-2-yl]methylpiperidine hydrochloride] of the structural formula (I):

[Formula 5]



characterized by comprising catalytically hydrogenating a compound [1-benzyl-4-[(5,6-dimethoxy-1-indanon)-2-ylidene]methylpiperidine] of the structural formula (III):

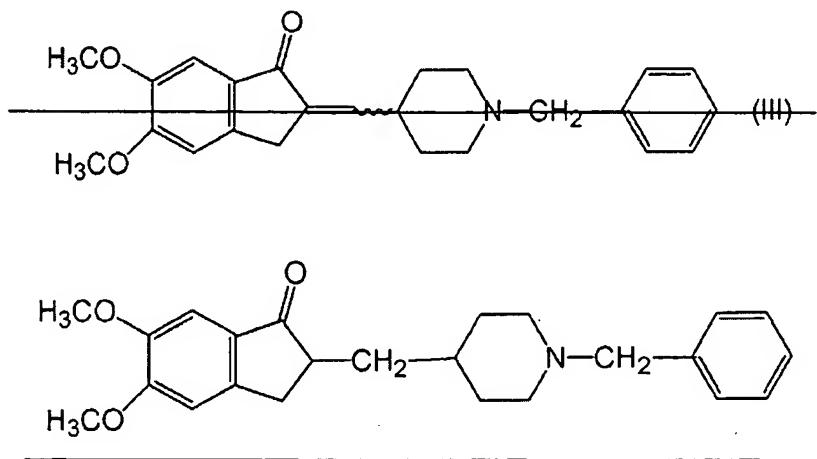
[Formula 4]



in the presence of a Raney nickel catalyst in a reaction solvent of toluene, in which appropriate

quantities of soluble solvent is added, or tetrahydrofuran, wherein the solvent is 7 to 10 times of the volume of the compound of the structural formula (III), to obtain a compound [1-benzyl-4-[(5,6-dimethoxy-1-indanon)-2-yl]methylpiperidine] of the structural formula (II):

{Formula 3}}



and then treating the compound of the structural formula (II) with hydrogen chloride or hydrochloric acid.